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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

TAKASHI KATO, ET AL.

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For: OPTICAL SYSTEM AND OPTICAL
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OPTICAL ELEMENT

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Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated December 2, 2002, for one (1) month, from March 2, 2003, up to and including April 2, 2003. A check in the amount of \$110.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Amendment has been prepared in accordance with the Revised Format established by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, as permitted in the January 31, 2003 Pre-OG Notice entitled "Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted."

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.